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ACTION PLAN FOR FOREST COVER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any action plan to convert one third of the geographical area of the country into forests during the ensuring twenty years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and whether the land area has been identified for planting trees; and

(c) if so, the names of the States alongwith the acreage of land available in each of the States for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Environment & Forests have formulated National Forestry Action Programme(NFAP), a comprehensive strategic long term plan for the next twenty years to address the issues underlying the major problems of the forestry sector in line with the National Forest Policy, 1988. The objective of the NFAPis to bring one third of the area of the country under forest/tree cover and to arrest de-forestation for achieving sustainable development of forests.

(b) & (c) The National Forestry Action Programme has five main components:

1.Protect Existing Forest Resources : It has three main-sub programmes.
(i) forest protection,
(ii) soil and water conservation, and
(iii) protected areas and biodiversity conservation.

2.Improve Forest Productivity : It has four main sub-programmes.
(i) rehabilitation of degraded forests,
(ii) research and technology development,
(iii) development of Non Wood Forest Products and
(iv) assisting private initiatives with community participation.

3.Reduce Total Demand : It has three main sub programmes for the efficient uses of
(i) fuelwood and fodder,
(ii) timber, and
(iii) Non Wood Forest Products.

4.Strengthen Policy and Institutional Framework: It has three main sub-programmes.
(i) Central forestry administration,
(ii) Central forestry institutions, and
(iii) State forestry administration and institutions.

5. Expand Forest Area: It has two main sub-programmes. (I) tree plantation on forest and non-forest lands, and
(ii) people`s participation in plantations and its protection.

The land earmarked for implementation of the programme in each State is given in the enclosed statement.